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Air Connectivity to Unserved Areas
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to identify unserved and underserved areas of the country for improvement of air connectivity during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details and outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the cases of deviation of Route Dispersal Guidelines by various airlines have come to the notice of the government during the said period, if so, the details thereof, airline-wise;

(c) the present status of the development of Greenfield airports that have been granted approval during the said period; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to improve air connectivity in unserved and underserved areas of the country?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): Airports Authority of India has appointed a Consultant for undertaking a study for promotion of Regional and Remote Area Air Connectivity in the country during 2013 based on population, economic potential, tourism potential and lack of existing air connectivity.

(b): No case of deviation of the Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) by any domestic airlines have been observed as per the monthly traffic data analysis by DGCA

(c): Dholera at Navagaon village, Ahmedabad has been granted in-principle approval and Bhiwadi in Rajasthan, Bhogapuram, Dagadarthi and Oravukallu in Andhra Pradesh have been granted site clearance in the last three years.

(d): Government has streamlined aircraft import procedure in order to reduce time and hassle free import of aircraft by the scheduled domestic airlines for their capacity enhancement in a timely manner. The draft Civil Aviation Policy 2015 envisages implementation of Regional Connectivity Scheme with affordable fare to cater to middle class income bracket by way of revival of unversed and undeserved aerodromes/airstrips and unversed cities. It also envisages for revival of unversed and undeserved aerodromes / airstrips and unversed cities, depending on demand as no frills airports.